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The COT Security Administration Branch is alerting Commonwealth email users of a malicious email attachment threat reported by US-CERT (United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team). The subject line of the email is "Journalists shot in Georgia" and it contains an attachment named "Georgia.zip" that is password protected. The password is provided in the email. The file contained within this archive, "Joined.exe", creates an executable file located in the user's TEMP directory called "LOADER.19B099.exe". As this threat evolves, the names of these files may change.

Caution should be used at all times when opening email and email attachments. Users should never open attachments from unknown senders and should verify unexpected email attachments from known senders. Malicious files that come in email attachments usually run automatically when opened and may spread quickly across network computers.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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